

## In the Claims

1           1.     [Previously Presented] A method comprising:  
2                 first determining, by a processor within a peripheral device, that an amount of  
3     a consumable associated with the peripheral device has decreased below a  
4     predetermined threshold;  
5                 first transmitting an email from the peripheral device to order additional  
6     supplies of the consumable; and  
7                 wherein the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine, and  
8     further comprising:  
9                 second determining, by the processor within the hard copy output engine,  
10    when a predetermined work threshold has been reached; and  
11                 second transmitting an email to request periodic service in response to the  
12    second determining.

1           2.     [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the first  
2     transmitting comprises transmitting the email to a vendor web site across a firewall.

1           3.     [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the first  
2     transmitting comprises transmitting the email to a personal computer associated  
3     with the peripheral device, and further comprising transmitting a second email from  
4     the personal computer to a vendor web site across a firewall.

1           4.     [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the first  
2     determining comprises determining when a toner level in the hard copy output  
3     engine has decreased below a toner low threshold.

1           5.     [Canceled].

1           6.     [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the processor  
2     comprises an embedded web server, and wherein the second determining comprises  
3     determining using the embedded web server.

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1           7.     [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the processor  
2 comprises an embedded web server, wherein the first determining comprises  
3 determining when a toner level in a hard copy output engine has decreased below a  
4 toner low threshold and wherein the first transmitting comprises transmitting the  
5 email to a vendor web site across a firewall.

1           8.     [Previously Presented] An article of manufacture comprising a  
2 computer usable medium having computer readable code embodied therein that is  
3 configured to cause a processor contained in a peripheral device to:  
4           first determine that an amount of a consumable associated with the  
5 peripheral device has decreased below a predetermined threshold;  
6           first transmit a first email from the peripheral device to order additional  
7 supplies of the consumable;  
8           second determine when a predetermined work threshold has been reached;  
9           and  
10          second transmit a second email to request periodic service in response to  
11 reaching the predetermined work threshold.

1           9.     [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein  
2 the computer readable code configured to cause the processor contained in the  
3 peripheral device to first transmit the first email comprises computer readable code  
4 configured to cause the processor contained in the peripheral device to transmit the  
5 first email to a vendor web site across a firewall.

1           10.    [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein  
2 the computer readable code configured to cause the processor contained in the  
3 peripheral device to first transmit comprises computer readable code configured to  
4 cause the processor contained in the peripheral device to transmit the first email to a  
5 personal computer associated with the peripheral device for retransmission from the  
6 personal computer to a vendor web site across a firewall.

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1 11. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein  
2 the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and wherein the  
3 computer readable code configured to cause the processor contained in the  
4 peripheral device to first determine comprises computer readable code configured to  
5 cause the processor contained in the peripheral device to determine when a toner  
6 level in the hard copy output engine has decreased below a toner low threshold.

1 12. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein  
2 the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine.

1 13. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein  
2 the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and the processor  
3 comprises an embedded web server and further comprising computer readable code  
4 configured to cause the embedded web server to perform the second determination  
5 and the second transmission.

1 14. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein  
2 the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and the processor  
3 comprises an embedded web server and wherein the computer readable code  
4 configured to cause the processor contained in the peripheral device to first  
5 determine comprises computer readable code configured to cause the embedded  
6 web server to determine when a toner level in a hard copy output engine has  
7 decreased below a toner low threshold and wherein the computer readable code  
8 configured to cause the processor contained in the peripheral device to first transmit  
9 comprises computer readable code configured to cause the embedded web server to  
10 transmit the first email to a vendor web site across a firewall.

1 15. [Previously Presented] A computer implemented control system for a  
2 hard copy output engine, the system comprising:  
3 memory configured to store a software module; and  
4 processing circuitry configured to employ the software module to:  
5 determine that an amount of a consumable associated with a  
6 peripheral device has decreased below a predetermined threshold;

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7 transmit an email from the peripheral device to order additional  
8 supplies of the consumable; and  
9 wherein the processing circuitry is configured to transmit the email to  
10 a personal computer associated with the peripheral device for retransmission from  
11 the personal computer to a vendor web site across a firewall.

1 16. [Original] The computer implemented control system of claim 15,  
2 wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to employ the software module  
3 to:  
4 determine that an amount of a consumable associated with the peripheral  
5 device has decreased below a predetermined threshold; and  
6 transmit an email from the peripheral device to order additional supplies of the  
7 consumable.

1 17. [Original] The computer implemented control system of claim 15,  
2 wherein the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and wherein the  
3 processing circuitry and memory together comprise an embedded web server, and  
4 the embedded web server is further configured to:  
5 determine when a toner level in the hard copy output engine has decreased  
6 below a toner low threshold; and  
7 transmit an email across a firewall to a vendor web site to order additional  
8 toner in response to determining.

1 18. [Previously Presented] The computer implemented control system of  
2 claim 15, wherein the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and  
3 wherein the processing circuitry and memory together comprise an embedded web  
4 server, and the embedded web server is configured to perform the determination and  
5 the transmission.

1 19. [Original] The computer implemented control system of claim 15,  
2 wherein the peripheral device is chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile  
3 machines, photocopiers and printers and wherein the processing circuitry and  
4 memory together comprise an embedded web server.

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1           20. [Original] The computer implemented control system of claim 15,  
2 wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to employ the software module  
3 to:

4           determine when a predetermined work threshold has been reached; and  
5           transmit an email to request periodic service in response to reaching the  
6 predetermined work threshold.

1           21. [Canceled].

1           22. [Canceled].

1           23. [Canceled].

1           24. [Canceled].

1           25. [Canceled].

1           26. [Canceled].

1           27. [Canceled].

1           28. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the first  
2 transmitting comprises transmitting the email directly from the peripheral device to a  
3 vendor of the supplies of the consumable.

1           29. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the second  
2 transmitting the email comprises transmitting the email directly from the peripheral  
3 device to a provider that performs the periodic service.

1           30. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 7, wherein the vendor  
2 web site comprises a vendor of the supplies of the consumable.

1           31. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the first  
2 transmitting comprises transmitting responsive to the first determining.

1           32. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 31, wherein the first  
2 transmitting comprises transmitting the email directly from the peripheral device to a  
3 vendor of the supplies of the consumable.

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1           33. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the first  
2     transmitting is initiated using the processor within the peripheral device.

1           34. [Previously Presented] The computer implemented control system of  
2     claim 15, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to transmit the email  
3     responsive to the determination.

1           35. [Previously Presented] The computer implemented control system of  
2     claim 34, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to initiate direct  
3     communication of the email to a vendor of the supplies of the consumable.

1           36. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the second  
2     determining comprises determining when the predetermined work threshold  
3     comprising a predetermined number of sheets printed by the hard copy output  
4     engine has been reached.

1           37. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the second  
2     determining comprises determining when the predetermined work threshold  
3     comprising a predetermined length of time has been reached.

1           38. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein  
2     the second determining comprises determining when the predetermined work  
3     threshold comprising a predetermined number of sheets printed by the peripheral  
4     device has been reached.

1           39. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein  
2     the second determining comprises determining when the predetermined work  
3     threshold comprising a predetermined length of time has been reached.

1           40. [Previously Presented] The computer implemented control system of  
2     claim 15, wherein the peripheral device and the personal computer are within a side  
3     of the firewall opposite to a side of the vendor.

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